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SUBJECT: UNDP - 18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL ITEM 3(B) - REGIONAL
IPF CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY FOR 1977-81

1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL INTRODUCED CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES FOR 1977-81 (DP/59) ON JUNE 13. AFTER A BRIEF PLENARY DISCUSSION, SPONTANEOUS WORKING GROUP FORMED AMONG FOUR PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT REGIONS, I.E., AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST, AND LATIN AMERICA. AFTER HEATED INTERVENTION SIMPLE CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR 1977-81 REGIONAL IPF'S BASED ON 85 PERCENT RATIO OF AGGREGATED COUNTRY IPF'S AND 15 PERCENT SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL INTRODUCED ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTE DP/59 BY INDICATING TWO DETERMINING PRINCIPLES: (A) AGGREGATED COUNTRY IPF'S FOR 1977-81 SHOULD BE PRINCIPAL BASIS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES BY REGION; AND (B) NO REGIONAL IPF SHOULD BE LOWER THAN WAS CASE IN FIRST CYCLY, I.E., 1972-76. HE HOPED COUNCIL IN ITS DELIBERATIONS WOULD APPROVE APPROACH OUTLINED IN DP/59 AND AGREE TO FINALIZATION REGIONAL IPF'S AT 21ST GOVERNING
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COUNCIL SESSION IN JANUARY 1976 WHEN LATEST WORLD BANK ATLAS

DATA AVAILABLE, HOPEFULLY FOR CY1974.

3. TWENTY-NINE DELEGATIONS SPOKE LARGELY IN SUPPORT OF APPROACH IN DP/59. THOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED COUNCIL SHOULD DELAY FINAL DECISION ON CRITERIA UNTIL 19TH SESSION, MAJORITY OF DELEGATES STRONGLY FELT THAT REGIONAL IPF CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY WAS SIMPLE, POLITICAL MATTER TO BE DECIDED AT 18TH SESSION AND THAT COUNCIL TIME AT 19TH SESSION SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH REVIEW OF ALL OTHER ELEMENTS OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION DURING 1977-81, I.E., ALLOCATION OF GLOBAL AND INTER-REGIONAL IPF'S, UNDISTRIBUTED COUNTRY IPF'S, PROGRAM RESERVE, UNDP ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, AND PROJECTED OVERHEAD COSTS FOR EXECUTING AGENCIES. LATTER POSITION FAVORED BY US DELEGATE WHO INTERVENED BRIEFLY FOR DECISION ON CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY AT 18TH SESSION AND WIDE-RANGING DISCOURSE AND DECISION AT 19TH SESSION ON RELATIONSHIP OF COUNTRY AND REGIONAL IPF COMPONENTS TO ALL OTHER, AS OF YET, UNALLOCATED CATEGORIES.

4. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP FORMED SPONTANEOUSLY AND FINAL DECISION AGREED TO AFTER LONG, PROTRACTED EXCHANGE BETWEEN SUDAN (MEDITERRANEAN REGION) AND UPPER VOLTA (AFRICAN REGION). OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF DECISION FORMALLY APPROVED SATURDAY, JUNE 15, "RECOMMENDS THAT ADMINISTRATOR USE ILLUSTRATIVE, INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES, CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF 85 PERCENT SHARED ACCORDING TO 1977-81 AGGREGATED COUNTRY IPF'S FOR DIFFERENT REGIONS AND 15 PERCENT ACCORDING TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA MEASURED BY SQUARE OF THE RANK, AS GUIDELINES FOR PURPOSE OF FORWARD PLANNING, AND DECISION TO ADOPT FINAL REGIONAL IPF'S FOR 1977-81 PERIOD IN JANUARY, 1976 IN BASIS OF LATEST AVAILABLE DATA AND RESOURCE SITUATION."

5. DAVID FELDMAN, UNDP SECRETARIAT, IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH US DELEGATE INDICATED DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL HAD AUTHORIZED PREPARATION OF MAJOR PAPER FOR 19TH SESSION CONSIDERATION. PAPER WILL INCLUDE WIDE-RANGING SUGGESTIONS REGARDING GLOBAL PROJECTS AND ARGUE FOR LARGER SHARE OF UNDP RESOURCES FOR GLOBAL UNDP ACTIVITIES THAN IN 1972-76. UNDP MAY PROPOSE SIMPLIFICATION OF PROGRAM RESERVE CATEGORIES WITH PRE-INVESTMENT AND SIS RESOURCES PROGRAMMED ON A COUNTRY BASIS INSTEAD OF OUT OF PROGRAM RESERVE ALLOCATIONS AS HERETOFORE. 19TH SESSION WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO NEED TO REACH DECISION AS TO WHETHER CONSENSUS NEEDS REVISING AS RESULT OF ALTERATION OF 82 PERCENT OF RESOURCES FOR COUNTRY IPF'S AND 18 PERCENT BALANCE FOR ALL OTHER CATEGORIES.
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